# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

## BILL ANALYSIS

## **General Government Appropriations Committee**

## **HB 2880**

**Brief Description**: Eliminating the building code council account.

Sponsors: Representative Kristiansen.

### **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Eliminates the state building code council account in the state treasury.
- Directs fees and surcharges collected from building permits to be deposited into the general fund.

Hearing Date: 1/26/10

**Staff**: Steve Smith (786-7178).

### Background:

The state building code council (Council) is responsible for maintaining and updating building codes; approving or denying county or city amendments to codes as relate to single family or multifamily residential buildings; developing and adopting any codes relating to the buildings; and proposing budgets for the operation of the state building code council to the Office of Financial Management. There is a building code council account in the state treasury. Funds in this account are to be used for purposes related to the Council. A fee of \$4.50 on each permit is collected by counties and cities and is deposited in the account quarterly, as well as an additional surcharge of \$2 for each residential unit, but not including the first unit, on each building containing more than one residential unit.

#### **Summary of Bill**:

This bill eliminates the building code council account, and all moneys generated from the fees and surcharges in Section 3 would then be deposited in to the general fund.

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Appropriation: None.

**Fiscal Note**: Requested on 1/15/2010.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.

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